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Dear Sir:

The Applicants sincerely thanks the Examiner for the thorough examination given in this case and for the brief telephonic interview held on March 21, 2006 to discuss the above-referenced application. In response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2006 and made final, the Applicants respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks in order to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for consideration on appeal, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b).

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.